

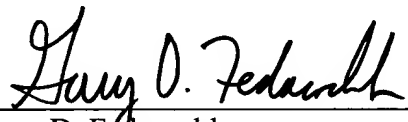
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

These remarks are responsive to the Notice of Allowance mailed August 16, 2004. The amendments to the claims are non-substantive and do not add new matter. These amendments merely change the dependency of the claims from a canceled claim and do not change the scope of the claims. We hereby request entry of the present amendment under Rule 312.

No fee is believed due, however, if any fees are required or if an overpayment has been made the Commissioner is authorized to charge or credit Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Respectfully submitted,
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